

**EXHIBIT C**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re Application of: ) Mail Stop Missing Parts  
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Application No.: 10/669,250 :  
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For: INHIBITORS OF SERINE PROTEASE ACTIVITY METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATMENT OF  
NITRIC OXIDE-INDUCED CLINICAL CONDITIONS

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)**

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Sir:

Applicants in the aforementioned matter petition to extend the time for response to the  
Office Action dated December 22, 2003, for one month from February 22, 2004 to March 22,  
2004.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C., office by  
telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

**AUTHORIZATION**

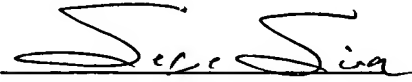
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